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Romey calls for revised hiring policies

By Missy Rake
Reporter

The discovery of an extra \$45,000 in the Student Government Association budget prompted the student body president to consider changes in the way business managers are selected.

Taclan B. Romey said many former student body presidents have appointed their "buddies" to SGA business manager positions instead of selecting qualified individuals from the College of Business.

"I want to change the constitution of SGA to say that the student who becomes the business manager must have taken business classes," Romey, Lansing, junior, said. "I want to try to find out what kinds of courses they need to take."

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■ **Taclan B. Romey**
Student body president

Heather Michaelson, SGA business manager, agrees students should have to meet certain qualifications before applying for the position.

"Some administrations wouldn't even choose business majors," Michaelson, Marmet senior, said. "A lot of them (busi-

ness managers) didn't know what they were doing."

Michaelson discovered the extra cash in December when she tried to find the exact amount of money left over in the budget from the previous administration.

She said there were no records from any

year stating the carry-over amount.

Former business managers regularly recorded estimates of \$3,000-\$5,000 as amounts left over each session when really there were thousands of dollars more in the account, she said.

"There's no way to tell how long it's been going on," Michaelson said, "but I'm going to do what nobody else has done—close the books."

Rapid turnover of business managers every session is another problem, Michaelson said.

Some mistakes in the budget are caused by business managers who are expected to quickly learn the bookkeeping process.

Plans to create a job description manual for SGA positions are in the works.

Budget cutbacks hurt COFA programs, arts

By Mike Pauley
Reporter

In spite of recent budget cuts of 35 percent by President J. Wade Gilley, Dr. Paul Balshaw, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said additional steps will have to be taken in order to resolve the university's budget crisis.

Balshaw said the latest round of cuts translates to 2.35 percent of the original budget the College of Fine Arts.

Among the programs cut were music organizations, theater, the Marshall Artist Series, the Birke Art Gallery and the music preparatory program. Balshaw said the College of Fine Arts felt obligated to protect the jobs of its part-time faculty.

"Our students are required to take 82 semester hours in their major field. We rely on graduate assistants and part-time faculty to provide help with those classes," he said.

Balshaw said the latest round of cuts were necessary, but have put a considerable strain on the departments.

"Our budget was pretty lean to begin with," he said. "This last round of cuts really stripped us to the wire. We're only spending what's absolutely necessary to get through this fiscal year."

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Temple on the mount



Photo by Todd Arian

University officials say renovation plans for Old Main will be delayed for at least a year because of recent budget cuts.

Student's graduation delayed after serving country in Desert Storm

By LaRita Pike
Reporter

It has been over a year for most of us, since Desert Storm. Reflecting on the war, Cadet Major G. Stephen Clarkson's face clouds over for a moment as he speaks with mixed emotions. "I was scheduled to go to airborne school Jan. 3, 1991, so I didn't anticipate going with my unit to Saudi Arabia."

"At the end of December, I found out I did have to go. I only had a week to move out of my apartment, withdraw from

school, take care of tuition paperwork, cancel airborne school and try to spend time with my family in Lewisburg," Clarkson, Lewisburg senior said.

"The thing that bothered me the most was knowing my graduation date would also be postponed," Clarkson said.

Clarkson, a member of the 304 Military Police Company, is serving a SMP, (Simultaneous Membership Program). SMP allows him to serve in his reserve unit in Lewisburg and simultaneously serve in the ROTC unit at Marshall.

When Clarkson joined the reserves, he

did not think he would have to go to war.

"It was the last thing on my mind," he said. "But, when it gets right down to it, if you are a true soldier then it is your job and duty to go, even if you have to give up your life."

Clarkson said the transitional phase from Lewisburg to Saudi Arabia seemed much longer than the three weeks to train and to be vaccinations.

"The not knowing is worse than anything," he said. "For the longest time, we



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Dean: Birke Art Gallery move still in early planing stages

By Mike Pauley
Reporter

A project calling for the Birke Art Gallery to change locations to allow the Department of Communications Disorders to expand is in the early stages of planning.

Dr. Paul Balshaw, dean of the College of Fine Arts said the Gallery will move to a different location in Smith Hall.

The Department of Communication Disorders will then renovate the old space in order to meet accreditation needs.

"We are in the early stages of finalizing the design. The Board of Trustees has already authorized the university to proceed with the project," Balshaw said.

Balshaw said the faculty in the Department of Art has tentatively agreed to the overall design of the new gallery, adding that some concerns still remain.

"We are confident that we have a suitable amount of space to support the projects of the Art Department," he said.

"The size and shape has been discussed and agreed to by those in charge of the gallery," he said, pointing out that factors like climate control and security are still being discussed.

Assistant Professor of Art and gallery co-director Stan Sporny said the Department of Art may have to "change its priorities for a while," but the move should be in the best interest of both departments.

"I think that the Department of

Communications Disorders has a legitimate need for more space," he said. "If the art department can help in any way, I'm all for it."

Balshaw said he is hopeful that the project can be completed with the available funds.

"Given our experience with this year's budget, we hope that we can provide what's necessary to complete the project with the money available," he said.

Balshaw said he hopes to start construction by the end of this semester. However, he said it's still premature to set a date.

"The new Fine and Performing Arts Center has taught us to expect setbacks," he said.

Yeager society hopefuls to vie for scholarships

By Elizabeth Johnson
Reporter

Twenty-four finalists for the Society of Yeager Scholars, representing 10 states, will be on campus Feb. 28 to March 1 for selections for next fall's class.

Dr. William N. Denman, director of the Society of Yeager Scholars, said 10 scholarship recipients will be selected that weekend.

The students will be coming from as far away as Georgia, Alabama and Michigan and were carefully selected from 106 semifinalists, Denman said.

Of the finalists, six are from West Virginia.

Denman said the society is working within a \$5,000 budget. The weekend is sponsored by BASF Corporation, located on 5th Avenue between 22nd and 27th streets. BASF is a world-wide manufacturer of chemicals and related products.

Stephen Roberts, manager of Human Resources at BASF and chairman of Ground Crew for the Yeager Society, said he is looking forward to finalists' weekend.

Speaking on BASF's affiliation with the Yeagers, he said, "We are interested in being a good citizen of the tri-state and try to support education programs. We believe the Yeager Scholars pro-

gram is good for Marshall University and the community, and so we are responding to a need."

Roberts said the society is a program of excellence. "We believe that encouraging students of high academic achievement adds a dimension to the university and the community."

The weekend will begin with a luncheon in The Memorial Student Center John Spotts Dining Room for finalists and interviewers.

While at Marshall the finalists will take campus tours, meet with departmental faculty and current scholars, and participate in three separate interview sessions with members of the selection committee.

They also will attend Marshall's basketball game against The Citadel February 29 at 7 p.m. in the Henderson Center.

The weekend will end with a Selection Committee Meeting March 1 at 9:30 a.m. in The Memorial Student Center John Spotts Dining Room.

During the meeting committee members will select next year's class.

Martha Woodward, assistant director of Yeager Scholars, said letters will be sent March 2 to each of the finalists informing them of their acceptance or rejection.

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COFA From Page 1

"Take for example our music department," he said. "It involves a lot of equipment that is very expensive to purchase and maintain. We are considerably underfunded relative to the job we are expected to do."

Balshaw said the university's

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budget crisis is "a matter of constant concern," and that he is concerned not only with this semester, but future semesters.

"It's crucial that the legislature pay more attention to needs of higher education," he said.

"We cannot exist forever at this level of funding. Additional funds are going to have to come from somewhere."

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Republicans cast votes for Democrats

Disgruntled Republicans cast thousands of votes for Democrats and Ralph Nader's "none of the above" campaign in Tuesday's primary.

The write-in votes shrank President Bush's margin of victory and showed dissatisfaction as well with challenger Patrick Buchanan's "send a message" campaign. The official figures, released Wednesday, showed Bush beat Buchanan 53 percent to 37 percent.

Official results also changed percentages slightly in the Democratic primary and showed a record turnout for the first primary.

All told, at least 344,284 people cast presidential ballots, up from the previous record of nearly 285,000 in 1988.

Bush's total was 92,233, or 52.9 percent. Buchanan got 65,087, or 37.3 percent. There were 13,081 write-in votes, for 7.5 percent. The other candidates listed on the GOP ballot received 3,764 or 2.2 percent.

WASHINGTON

Jobless rate rises, government says

Jobless claims rose 18,000 in the first week of February as 452,000 Americans made first-time visits to unemployment offices, the government reported today.

The number of Americans filing initial claims for jobless benefits was up from the previous week's revised mark of 434,000, the Labor Department said.

The 18,000 jump in claims was slightly worse than had been expected. Most analysts had predicted a more moderate increase of about 6,000, following two weeks of modest declines.

WASHINGTON

United States trade deficit down in 1991

America's trade deficit improved in 1991, narrowing to \$66.2 billion as an all-time high in U.S. export sales helped to push the deficit below the \$100 billion mark for the first time in eight years, the government said Thursday.

The sharp improvement came despite the fact that the year ended on a sour note with the December deficit up to \$5.94 billion.

Israeli tanks roll into Lebanon

TYRE, Lebanon (AP) — A tank-led Israeli force smashed through U.N. barricades and stormed into two south Lebanon villages Thursday to hunt down Shiite Muslim guerrillas. Israeli officials insisted



the operation was narrow in scope and not the prelude to an invasion.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed and three wounded, security sources said, and four Shiite guerrillas were killed. Two U.N. peacekeepers, four guerrillas and five civilians were hurt, the sources said.

Israel said the attacking force, backed by Cobra helicopter gunships, was seeking out "Katyusha launchers and terrorist nests" after three days of Katyusha

■ The Israeli government insisted the operation was not an invasion.

rocket attacks on Israel by Shiite guerrilla operation to drive out Palestinian guerrillas, and then-Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's more ambitious designs only became apparent later.

In Thursday's strike, Israeli gunners fired hundreds of howitzer rounds into valleys around Kafra and Tibnin, apparently to block guerrilla escape routes.

Hostilities between Israeli forces and fighters of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah organization have been on the rise since Israel assassinated Hezbollah leader Sheik Abbas Musawi in south Lebanon on Sunday.

Musawi's successor, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, in a fatwa, or religious edict,

broadcast on Hezbollah's radio station, a "general mobilization and maximum alert of all the mujahedeen," or Islamic holy warriors.

Hezbollah, or Party of God, was moving fighters in civilian cars to the battlefield, but heavy Israeli artillery fire was stopping the reinforcements from reaching Kafra or Yater.

The Israeli casualties occurred when a guerrilla-planted explosive charge went off in a house they entered in Kafra. The ceiling collapsed on the five soldiers, the security sources said.

Four Shiite guerrillas were wounded by Israeli gunfire during the search in Kafra and neighboring Yater, the security sources added. U.N. spokesman Timur Goksel said two Fijian peacekeepers were wounded by gunfire as they were getting out of their vehicle to deploy in the area. He said it was not yet known who shot.

Three killers' escape state prison

MOUNDSVILLE (AP) — State troopers, sheriff's deputies and dogs scoured the rugged, tree-covered hills surrounding the West Virginia Penitentiary Thursday for three killers who tunneled their way to freedom.



State corrections officials planned to meet with prison officials Thursday to discuss the escape, said state Public Safety Secretary Joseph Skaff.

"We're checking out every possible sighting call we get," said Marshall County Chief Deputy, Sheriff Art Watson. "The dogs have been along the river bank and right around the penitentiary."

Tomie Mollohan, 49, David Williams, 33, and Fred Hamilton, 34, were discovered missing Wednesday during a head count at the prison, said Donna McMillan, secretary to Warden Carl Legursky.

The escape was discovered about 3:50 p.m., McMillan said. She said prison officials suspect the inmates received outside

■ The men dug their way out of the prison. The tunnel started in the greenhouse.

help in the breakout.

McMillan said roadblocks were set up around the prison and a lockdown was ordered. Authorities also blocked a bridge over the Ohio River.

She said the fugitives were in the prison's main population at the time of the escape.

One of the inmates was last seen at 2 p.m. during recreation, Corrections Commissioner Ron Gregory said.

It was the second time that Mollohan and Williams escaped from the maximum-security prison.

Gordon Gump of Moundsville said he was walking along a street just outside the prison's rear wall when he discovered a hole containing a ladder and some prison clothes.

"About that time some kids were coming up through here, so I pulled the ladder out and laid it across the hole so

nobody'd fall in it. And I walked up the street and flagged a cop down," he said.

The tunnel started in the dirt floor of the prison greenhouse, where both Mollohan and Hamilton worked and had access to digging tools, Legursky said.

The hole in the floor was about 8 feet deep, Legursky said. From the bottom, the men dug horizontally for 32 feet before digging 16 feet up to freedom.

A mattock and pipewrench were found in the tunnel, he said.

The inmates put the dirt from their tunnel in bags labeled peat moss and hid the bags in a building near the greenhouse area, said Capt. P.D. Goodman of the state police detachment in Moundsville.

They also spread the dirt on the ground and covered it with peat moss, he said.

Mollohan was serving life without mercy for the 1973 murder of a grocer in Brounland, Kanawha County. At the time of the murder, Mollohan was a fugitive from a North Carolina jail.

Williams was serving life with mercy for first-degree murder in the December 1980 slaying of a McDowell County resident.

Retired troopers may face cost-of-living freeze

CHARLESTON (AP) — A group of lawmakers say they want to freeze cost-of-living increases for state police retirees because of a \$112 million liability.

But the president of the West Virginia Troopers Association said Wednesday his members may not support anything that adversely affects their pension checks.

"I don't see how you can think anybody would be happy about that," said Trooper Chester Wojcik.

James L. Sims, executive secretary of the state Consolidated Public Retirement Board, told the Senate Pensions Committee on Wednesday the troopers' pension fund liability is growing by \$11 million annually.

Sims said 1988 legislation improving troopers' benefits compounded the prob-

lem.

"When they passed legislation in 1988, the figures (lawmakers) were provided really were not good figures at that time," he said. "The fund was really in trouble at that time."

The 1988 action granted an annual 3.75 percent cost-of-living increase and boosted pension benefits from 5 percent to 5.5 percent.

An actuary for the state Department of Public Safety told the Senate Finance Committee in 1988 the changes would cost \$350,000 the first year and as much as \$80,000 thereafter, according to minutes from the meeting.

The actuary said the pension fund would have a \$3.7 million surplus.

An unfunded liability is what would re-

sult if all of the pensioners retired at one time to collect their benefits.

"They didn't totally mislead us. They had an actuary that didn't look at all the figures," said Sen. Joe Manchin, D-Marion.

Pensions Chairwoman Martha Wehrle, D-Kanawha, said the committee is considering legislation that would freeze the 3.75 percent cost-of-living increase for a year while an interim committee studies the issue.

Sims said that would save about \$5.4 million and reduce the unfunded liability by \$49 million.

"We can't afford them right now. We know there's some hemorrhaging going on," Manchin said. "We're not taking anything away."

OUR VIEW

Voters send message to Bush

"Hello, is there anybody in there?"

Roger Waters

When all the dust finally settled following Tuesday's lead off primary in the state of New Hampshire one thing was crystal clear to George Bush, and the rest of the nation.

What began as a protest movement to show conservative disfavor towards President Bush had grown much bigger.

Conservative commentator/columnist Patrick J. Buchanan, had walked away with 40 percent of the popular vote in the New Hampshire primay.

Still a clear victory for the President, yet enough so that Buchanan himself also could claim victory to a certain degree.

After all, he had just claimed a huge chunk of the vote against an incumbent president who, as recently as six months ago, had approval ratings as high as 60 and 70 percent.

He had just pulled in a 51 percent majority of male voters in the state against an incumbent president who just one year ago was proclaimed a national hero over his military excursion into Iraq.

He had scored big, and had gained enough momentum to turn his campaign to the upcoming southern primaries.

He had succeeded in becoming a thorn in the president's side, and will remain one at least through "Super Tuesday" on March 10.

Now the campaign should become really interesting.

So far, President Bush has held himself up above the so-called "smear campaigning" that has plagued the rest of the field.

Will he too revert to this, and dig some "Willie Horton" out Buchanan's closet?

And what will Buchanan do with this new-found momentum?

Can he turn his campaign into something more viable, and actually come through with some victories in the southern primaries?

We shall see. However, one thing already is certain.

New Hampshire voters made a statement Tuesday night, and the President had better take heed.

That is, if he wants to keep his job come next November.



AND, ONCE MORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS OVERLOOKED IN THE NOMINATIONS FOR "BEST ACTOR IN A NON-SUPPORTING ROLE"

Armed forces ads don't tell whole story

To the Editor:

In the January 28, 1992 Parthenon I noticed an advertisement by the U.S Air Force aimed at pre-med students and will start medical school at Marshall University School of Medicine this Fall. I am concerned about the various recruiting campaigns by the armed forces toward pre-med students and would like to address some things you won't read in their advertisements.

My wife served three years as a physician in the Air Force and I served eleven years as a flight engineer. My wife, once a Marshall student, read the same kind of advertisement and joined the Air Force after graduating medical school.

She was assigned to a small understaffed and under-equipped hospital. Within her first year she had noticed and documented eleven cases of substandard care, some of which included deaths. She took her concerns to her supervisors and commanders and was basically told to shut up.

Until she complained, she was considered an outstanding physician and officer. After her complaints, she received seven letters of reprimand, was sent for a psychiatric evaluation, had two unsatisfactory performance reports, lost a substantial bonus, was stripped of a promotion, had her medical credentials suspended, and was court marshaled. In her trial, she was acquitted and received an honorable discharge.

A member of the military does not enjoy the same unlimited constitutional rights as a civilian does. In a move characteristic of the KGB, many sane doctors are forced to undergo psychiatric treatment for simply complaining about working conditions. I invite anyone wanting more information to contact me

through the editor. There is a bulletin board presently on line with accounts from other military physicians. I encourage anyone considering service in the military as a physician to check this out first.

David G. Kirkland
Post graduate

Bailey letters fail seeing big picture

To the Editor:

It seems that during the recent commotion about the allegations against Mr. Charles Bailey, his supporters have succeeded in their quest to make this an issue based on knee-jerk reaction instead of logical thought. Recent letters have focused on the "warm relationship" Bailey has with his students at WMUL. Those of us who are not biased in Bailey's favor can look beyond these "relationships" to see a bigger picture.

I have taken a class taught by Mr. Bailey, so I cannot be included among "those who have not had the privilege." And I, like so many WMUL associated students, have not witnessed this behavior from Mr. Bailey. However, this does not mean that I simply dismiss the idea that the behavior does indeed exist. We must ask how numerous women could imagine these occurrences.

I know Mr. Stadelman would not sacrifice his journalistic integrity (something which recent letters in this column have not shown) to attack someone simply to make a name for himself. I'm sure this is something Miss Leach would agree to, were it not for the flood of emotion currently felt in the Communications Building.

Bailey supporters, I would encourage you to review your class notes from previous semesters for a defini-

tion of "libel." Please be aware of the course of action available to Mr. Dennison and Mr. Stadelman in response to your allegations.

Ladies, please do not allow this apparent, carefully orchestrated campaign to sway you from your fight. You do have supporters of your own.

Kelli Raines
South Point senior

Voter reform bills killed by legislature

To the Editor:

The people of West Virginia have lost their patience with the Constitutional Revision Committee. Every year and again this year this committee sits on four of our Initiative, Referendum and Recall bills, determined to prevent the people's voice in government.

Our bills are not even placed on the Committee agenda. They are never mentioned, much less discussed. Thus we have government control by one person, Speaker of the House, Robert "Chuck" Chambers (Cabell County) who gives the order that our bills not be considered. Chairperson of the committee Del. Bonnie Brown (Kanawha County) carries out the Speaker's orders. These committee members who are for Initiative, Referendum and Recall are classified second class members of the committee, denied even their vote.

Write Speaker Chambers and Chairman Brown at the Capitol, 25305, or call 1-800-642-8650.

170,000 West Virginians have voted against this lack of representation in government, with their feet. They have simply moved away. Many of us have chosen to stay. We will vote May 2!

Lou Allen
Scott Depot

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Greeks plan spring workshops, activities

By Sheri L. Morris
Reporter

The Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council have several activities planned for the rest of the semester, including Greek Week, Safe Spring Break and a Career Workshop.

Greek Week will be the week of April 5 and it has been in the planning stages for more than a month.

The theme of this years Greek Week is "Greeks, we didn't invent college life, we made it better," said Amanda L. Harless, coordinator of Greek Affairs.

There will be special activities planned for each day of the week. There will be a Greek Sing, a carnival, a picnic and Greek games. The profits of the carnival will go to the James E. Morrow Library.

The Councils also will sponsor two workshops this spring, Career Workshop Scholarship Program, and Safe Spring Break.

The Safe Spring Break Conference will be at 9:15 p.m. March 4. The conference will focus on safe sex, drinking responsibly and making the environment safe.

"Every year there are deaths while students are on spring break. Not all of them are alcohol related but they are caused by people doing things that are not safe or smart," Harless said.

The Career Workshop Scholarship Program will be at 9:15 p.m. April 1. The program will revolve around the video tape 'Where there's a will there's an A.'

Myths about better dorms at WVU false

By Terri Fowler
Reporter

The grass is always greener on the West Virginia University side of the fence, and the residence halls are always better.

But are they really?

Marshall students have heard that WVU residents don't have to pay to use washers and dryers.

FACT: Beverly A. Taylor, assignments manager of the housing and residence life office, said that residents don't actually put money into the washers and dryers, but, she said, the money for washing clothes is taken into account in room and board fees.

Students at Marshall have heard that WVU residents get more food for their money.

FACT: "An 18-meal plan costs \$910, a 15-meal plan costs \$850, and a 10-meal plan costs \$766," Tammy A. Rafe, accounting clerk in the administration office at WVU, said.

Janet Hartman, office manager for food services at WVU, said WVU residents also are offered fewer meals. She said only brunch is served on Sundays.

Marshall's food service offers a 19-meal plan and serves brunch and dinner on the weekends. There are differences in the cost of meals at Marshall, as well. A 19-meal plan costs \$900, a 15-meal plan costs \$865, and a 10-meal plan costs \$795, Norma J. Keith, records clerk of the housing office, said.

Marshall students have heard that WVU residents have maids to clean their rooms.

FACT: Taylor says WVU stopped the cleaning service privilege a few years ago. "Housekeeping staff keeps public areas tidy, not the rooms."

Many Marshall students have been told that it is cheaper overall to go to WVU.

FACT: "The room and board fees for a double room with an 18-meal plan at WVU costs \$1,923," Taylor said.

According to a room and board invoice, the cost of a double room in Twin Towers with a 19-meal plan was \$1,815 in 1991.

Marshall residents often hear how residence hall rules are much more liberal at WVU.

FACT: Rafe says that the WVU residence hall visitation policy "states that same sex visitors are allowed at all times, with the roommate's permission. Opposite sex visitors are permitted from noon to midnight every day."

However, the WVU housing booklet states that "each resident is expected to inform someone in the residence hall if he/she intends to remain away overnight."

Rafe went on to say that alcohol is not permitted in any of the residence halls, even if the resident is 21.

Taylor added that WVU residents are not allowed to bring their own refrigerators, either.

"They have the option to rent [from the university] at \$48 a year, though."

Finally, Marshall students often cite special interest floors at WVU as another aspect of residence hall living that is better than Marshall.

FACT: According to Taylor, WVU does have a designated foreign language floor, an honors floor, and an Academic Com-

Marshall students' top six WVU myths

1. WVU residents get to use washers and driers free.
2. WVU's meal plan offers more food for less money.
3. WVU residents have maids to clean their private rooms.
4. It's cheaper over all to attend school at WVU.
5. WVU's residence hall policies are more liberal than MU's.
6. WVU's residence halls better accommodate special interest of students.

munity Experience (ACE) floor for freshmen honor students. However, she admits that rooms on those floors are hard to get. "It's on a first-come, first-serve basis," she said.

Laidley Hall has an honors floor, and the other halls have designated quiet floors and non-smoking floors, Joseph M. Marshman, director of residence life office, said. Also, he said he plans to establish an ACE floor soon.

Marshman says university officials are also discussing establishing international floors for international students.

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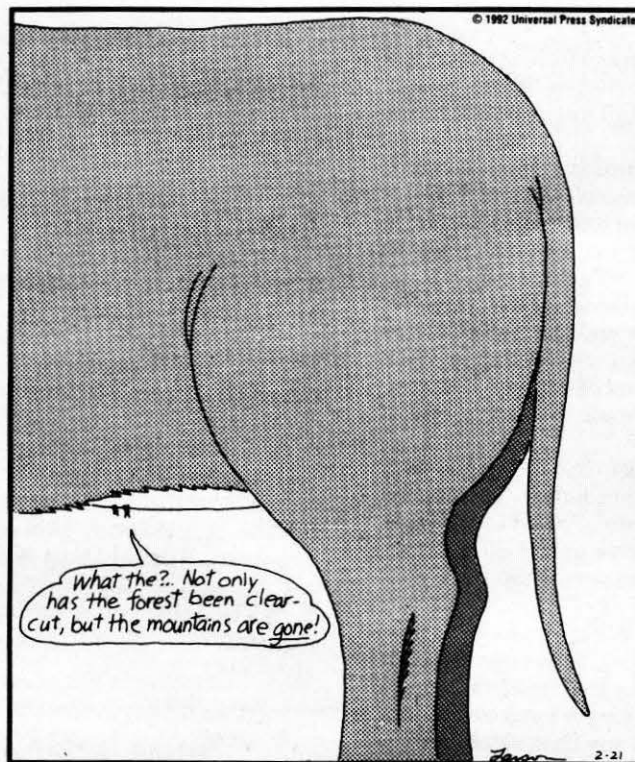
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Environmental disasters in a flea's world

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Glass windows let sunshine in, prisoners out

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — County administrators figured putting large glass windows in the cells of the new \$52 million jail would let a little sunshine in. But they also let a couple of inmates out.

The 12-story, 1,200-inmate jail was billed as escape-proof when it opened in November.

Since then two prisoners have escaped and several others have tried.

Both escapees were recaptured.

The large glass blocks that were installed to let in light were supposed to be bullet-proof, but one inmate escaped by smashing a mop handle through one.

The other inmate dug out the mortar that held a window block in place.

Authorities subsequently performed bullet-proof tests on the blocks and found they failed two out of three times.

Checks of the mortar showed some had been mixed without cement.

Last week, county officials gave the jail's prime contractor, Manhattan Construction Co. of Tulsa, 10 days to answer their request to make repairs.

Assistant District Attorney Robert Mitchell said the company responded on Monday and things should be fixed within 90 days.

NBC's 'I Witness Video' shows videotaped deaths

NEW YORK (AP) — You watch NBC's "I Witness Video" with the same horrified fascination as you would a fatal automobile accident unfolding before your eyes, a helpless witness able only to watch while fellow human beings die.

The difference with "I Witness Video," which airs Sunday, is that you don't have to watch it. You can turn away and zap this despicable, voyeuristic collection of snuff videos into the oblivion it deserves.

Otherwise, you will witness the authentic and undramatic deaths of four people.

Its premise is this: The proliferation of video cameras has created unprecedented and extraordinary amateur video. This stuff is, in responsible hands, a new kind of television. It can be quite powerful.

■ None of the footage is new and already has been aired on national television.

"I Witness Video" asserts that "an eye-catching video often can be fleshed out to offer a more complete and powerful true story while using interviews (and no re-creations) to heighten each segment's human factor."

Right. And NBC News didn't hold its nose while putting this special together.

"I Witness Video" opens with the videotaped murder of Darrell Lunsford, 47, a constable in northeast Texas, who fitted his patrol car with a video camera and wireless microphone, and ultimately recorded his own murder.

On Jan. 23, 1991, Lunsford was killed during a "routine traffic stop" on a lonely stretch of highway favored by drug runners.

He was jumped by the car's three occupants, kicked, stabbed and shot to death with his own pistol. The fatal shot occurs off-camera, but the initial scuffle, in which Lunsford was jumped, is played for the viewer.

And, despite the show's pledge of "no re-creations," the deputy sheriff who discovered Lunsford's body walks through his moves, meshing with the pre-recorded actions on the videotape. That's cutting it rather fine, eh?

Then Lunsford's fatal scuffle is replayed in slow motion. And it is replayed one last time.

None of the aforementioned video footage is new. All of it has aired before on network TV.

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Baptist Student Union will conduct a bible study every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Buskirk lounge. For more information call 696-3051.

Baptist Student Union will conduct two bible studies each Thursday in the Campus Christian Center. The first will begin at 3:30 p.m. and the second at 9:15 p.m. For more information about either call 696-3051.

BAFSO will conduct their monthly meeting on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center room 2W22. For more information call 696-3160.

PROWL will hold meetings every Tuesday from 9-10:15 p.m. in the CCC. For more information call 696-2444.

Anthropology/Archeology Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday on the Fifth Avenue side of the Memorial Student Center for a trip to the movies. For more information call 696-4105.

Freeman, Southard prepare teams for tourney

By Anthony Hanshew
Sports Editor

The men's and women's basketball teams continue their stretch runs toward the Southern Conference tournaments while the baseball team opens its regular season on the road.

Men's basketball

Coach Dwight Freeman's team takes on East Tennessee State Saturday as The Herd tries to climb out of the Southern Conference cellar. Marshall, (5-18, 2-8) is tied with VMI for last and is one game behind The Citadel.

The Herd fell to nonconference foe South Florida 88-79 Tuesday in its last outing. Tyrone Phillips again led The Herd with 26 points, tying a career high, and 12 rebounds.

Marshall played the The Bucs tough at the Henderson Center before falling 72-66 Jan. 27. Calvin Talford riddled the

Herd defense for 26 points in the ETSU victory. Marshall's earlier meeting with ETSU was a physical, intense matchup as both teams exchanged words throughout the contest.

Freeman said he expects another intense battle with the conference's second palce team.

"We look for the same kind of game," Freeman said. "It's going to be at their place, so their fans should really be into it."

In what has been a disappointing season thus far for Marshall, the inside players have been a welcome surprise for Freeman. South Florida, the Metro Conference's leader in rebounding, was pummeled by Marshall on the boards, 36-25.

Freeman attributes the strong inside play to the return of Phillips. Phillips leads the team scoring at a 15 point clip and averaging over six rebounds.

"[Tyrone] adds scoring punch and rebounding," Freeman said. "He does

things for us you can't just put on a list. He just brings something back to the quality of our team."

Women's basketball

The Lady Herd has a pivotal weekend matchup with third place Appalachian State at the Henderson Center starting at 3 p.m. Appy enters Saturday's game one game ahead of the streaking Lady Herd, who has won five in a row.

"The bottom line is, this game is for third place," coach Judy Southard said.

Marshall is coming off a sluggish 74-50 win over Wright State Wednesday. The Lady Herd shot only 37 percent in the first half before blowing the game open in the second half.

Southard said it may have been difficult for her team to get mentally prepared for a nonconference opponent late in the season.

"It was hard to identify with Wright State right now."

Southard said the formula for her team's winning streak is simple: consistency.

"The key right now is that we're playing well. We've established a level of consistency," Southard said.

"We've also got some young players who aren't young anymore with 20 or 21 games under their belt."

Freshmen Tamira Higgins and Jody Baker provided a lift for the Lady Herd in Wednesday's game. Southard said their progress has been gradual.

"Right now, they're still struggling for a level of consistency, [but] Tamira and Jody have as promising a future as anybody I've seen in this program."

Appalachian State will be without senior forward Shannon Thomas. Lady Mountaineers coach Linda Robinson announced earlier this week that Thomas' playing career at Appalachian State was over for unspecified reasons.

Thomas, last year's SC tournament MVP, averaged 13.9 points and 8.3 rebounds a game this season.

National pastime just another business

This is supposed to be the most wonderful time of the year. The time of year I usually look forward to more than any other.

Spring training.

But something is different this year. Somehow the crack of the bat and the smell of the clay around the bases are a little different.

Something smells rotten, and I don't think it's the hot dogs.

Baseball has gone from being a game to a business. It's gone from being a night out for the family to something only yuppie lawyers can afford.

I remember rushing home from grade school to catch the last few innings of the Pirate game from Bradenton, Fla., with players like Willie Stargell and Manny Sanguillen, who cared more about having fun and pleasing fans than buying a fourth summer home.

I remember the time in 1979 (I was 9) and my father drove an hour on a moment's notice just so I could meet Dave Parker. I met him, talked to him and got an 8X10 autographed picture.

The autograph and picture were free, despite the fact that Parker had been the league's MVP the year before.

Now kids are supposed to pay \$5 to get a piece of paper signed by Tim Lincecum, who might not be on a major league roster this summer?

Something has to be done.

Bobby Bonilla was offered \$4.5 million a year to stay with the Pittsburgh Pirates, the team that brought him into the majors. He got another chance to play in front of the fans that never booed him, even when he threw ground balls into the seats behind first base.

Bobby decided that wasn't enough money. He went to the archrival Mets, the team which he once said he loved to hate, for another \$500,000 a year.

I'm sure the federal government will appreciate the extra tax dollars, but I'm still

curious to know what you can get for \$5 million that you can't get for \$4.5.

Of course, he can say he's the highest paid player in baseball. Oops, sorry. Ruben Sierra gets that title now. And someone new will have it next month.

It's sad to think that these are the values that young fans are growing up with now.

They may never get to see a player spend his entire career with the same team, unless they only watch the Charleston Wheelers.

On the other hand, they'll never get their hearts broken when their hero leaves their favorite team.

The only heroes for today's fans will be agents and owners who are willing to spend everything they have.

For markets like Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, all the club revenue should get them someone who will hit .280 with 15 homers.



Chris
STADELMAN

Chris Stadelman, Charleston senior, is a staff writer for The Parthenon.

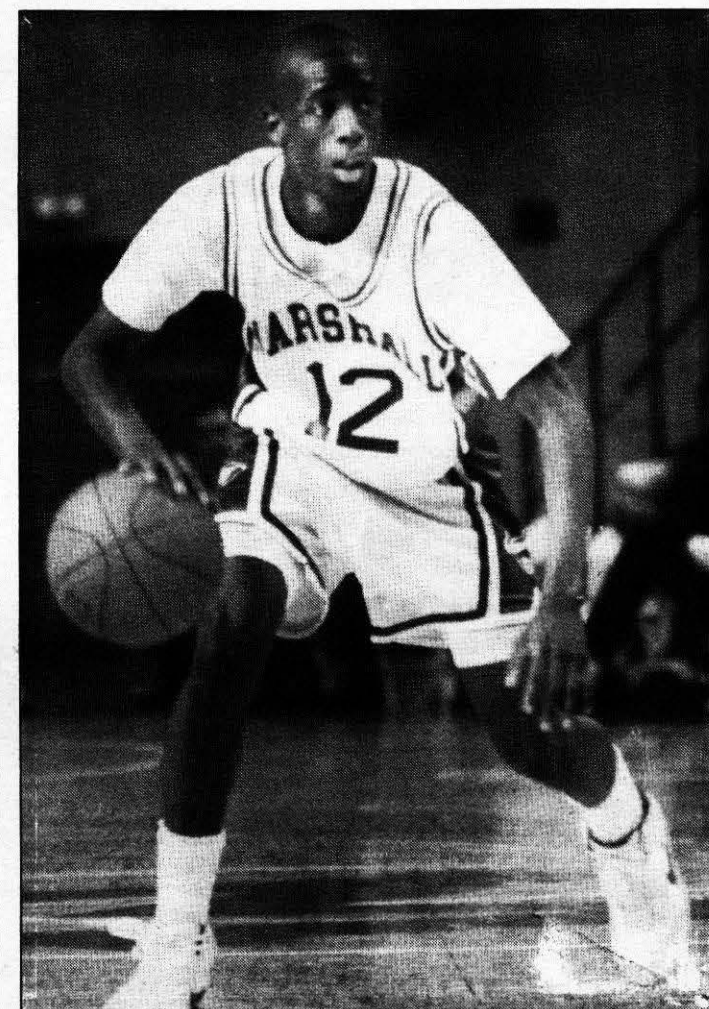


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Frank Martin has matured through the season to become The Herd's top threat from the guard spot. Martin scored 23 points Wednesday night.

Thundering Herd action this weekend

Saturday

men's basketball- at East Tennessee St. 7 p.m.
women's basketball-APPALACHIAN ST. 3 p.m.

Sunday

Baseball-at University of Virginia* 1 p.m.

*season opener

SC Men's Standings

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
UT-Chattanooga	9	2	.818	18	6	.750
E. Tennessee St.	9	2	.818	17	6	.739
Appalachian St.	7	4	.636	12	12	.500
Furman	6	4	.600	14	9	.608
W. Carolina	4	7	.364	10	14	.417
The Citadel	3	7	.300	10	13	.434
VMI	2	8	.200	9	14	.392
Marshall	2	8	.200	5	18	.217

SC Women's Standings

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Furman	7	1	.875	15	7	.681
UT-Chattanooga	6	2	.750	14	11	.560
Appalachian St.	5	3	.625	9	15	.375
Marshall	4	4	.500	13	11	.571
E. Tennessee St.	1	6	.142	4	16	.200
Western Carolina	1	7	.125	5	18	.217

Let the show begin, 'Barnum' comes to town

By Deanna B. Hall
Reporter

A musical production of the greatest show on earth will be in Huntington as part of the Marshall Artists series.

"Barnum," a musical about the life of master showman P.T. Barnum will be presented at the Keith Albee Theatre Wednesday.

The play opens in the year 1835 and runs through 1880 with the life and times of this showman. A ringmaster will announce the high points of Barnum's life.

"Barnum" is full of music and dancing along with a pit orchestra. Some of the songs featured are "The Colors of My Life," "Love Makes Such Fools of Us All" and "Join the Circus."

Barnum is shown as both a sentimental man who wanted to bring color into people's lives, and as a con artist. He used false advertising to promote himself into riches and social standing. Barnum is also attributed as saying "There's a sucker born

every minute."

The show begins at 8 p.m., but the action gets started at 7:30 with the Laffy Taffy Half-Hour Pre-Show. Clowns, magicians and acrobats will mingle through the audience and the Keith Albee lobby, warming up the crowd for the coming attraction.

"The pre-show sets the tone, it gets everyone in the mood," Celeste Winters Nunley, director of the Marshall Artists Series said.

Technically, the production will be a challenge for the Keith Albee Theatre. "This will be a full-scale, elaborate musical in the true style of Broadway," Bill Heaberlin, the Artists Series technical director said.

Tickets for the show are free for full-time students with validated Marshall IDs and activity cards. Other tickets are \$16, \$20, and \$24. Part-time students, faculty and staff are half-price.

Tickets are available in the Memorial Student Center Room 2W19 or by calling 696-6656.



Enrollment Program to help retain students through graduation

By April Wheeler
Reporter

Members of a new enrollment management unit are planning to increase the student retention rate by coordinating university offices that directly affect students, the vice president for academic affairs said.

Dr. Alan B. Gould said the purpose of enrollment management is to "bring together the various parts of the university that relate to students, from admission all the way through graduation, to see what policies... can be developed to ensure successful completion of college."

Gould said the administrative reorganization effective in January, put his office in charge of developing the new unit.

President J. Wade Gilley said, "Research indicates only two of every five students entering as full-time freshmen graduate in five years. The university's general goal will be to raise that to three out of five, or 60 percent, as quickly as possible."

Gould said the enrollment management unit is not a new idea. A proposal was made to develop it about five years ago, but the university could not afford it, he said.

In addition to seeking state and federal grants, he said the administration will "reallocate

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■ J. Wade Gilley
President

funds, because we feel this is significant."

Dr. Warren G. Lutz, chairman of the enrollment management unit, said the committee has representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid, Judicial Affairs, Student Development, and Career Planning and Placement, among other offices.

Lutz said the unit is needed because fewer and fewer students are being recruited to Marshall. He said the number of high school graduates in West Virginia is dropping and, "if the students don't exist to come [to Marshall], we need to hold on to the ones we've got."

Gould said the committee is developing long- and short-range goals, and he expects to see "something of substance" by the end of the semester.

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didn't know if we were going to Germany of Saudi Arabia."

He said his unit still did not know what they would be doing even after they landed in Saudi Arabia.

"Here we were with these chemical suits on, (because there had just been a Scud alert), getting off a crowded plane. Empty jets were landing in the background, as loaded ones took off, one right after the other. The smell itself was strange. Our heartbeats were pounding in our ears."

We didn't even know if we were going to the front lines or what. We were all looking around thinking, I've been waiting three weeks for this," Clarkson said.

Clarkson said another strange thing happened before his unit reached its destination. He said an Army guide put everyone on buses and an older guy, resembling Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, got on the bus.

"He had on blue jeans, a brown T-shirt, boots, and a huge texan-style belt buckle. He looked around at everyone, asked for a cigarette and a light," Clarkson said.

"Everyone was wondering, 'Who in the world is this guy?' It wasn't until later that he told us he was the general in charge of all the military police in Saudi Arabia. Talk about a first impression," he said.

Clarkson said he had to ride that bus for over 24 hours and then sleep on it because the reception facility wasn't ready for his unit. Eventually, they did reach their destination, which was 37 miles from Kuwait.

He said he was in one of two companies that transported prisoners from temporary prisons to Saudi Arabia prisons camps. He also processed prisoners, and guarded them while they worked.

"It really didn't get busy until the ground war began," Clarkson said.

The first Iraq prisoner Clarkson met was an officer, who was called out of Penn State University, to fight for Iraq. Clarkson said the prisoner had only five weeks of training before he was sent to the front line.

"He said he surrendered the first chance he got, and he gave me his rank, (a patch off of his uniform), as a gift," Clarkson said.

Other than being hungry, the prisoners were fine, he said. "Actually, they seemed happy to be there. They were being fed and received the chance to clean up, which is more than they received from their own Army," Clarkson said.

Clarkson also said he learned a lot about the military, and how it works.

He said he has great respect for the line units, (those that fought).

"I feel bad for some of the units that left before us, and returned after us. They don't receive the recognition they deserve," Clarkson said. "I also feel bad for those who didn't get to go. A person trains all their life for this, and I am sure they feel they didn't get the chance to prove themselves," he said.

Clarkson thinks the war has changed him.

"I've gotten closer to my family," he said. "My temper is a lot quieter. I don't get as excited about things as before. I am defi-

nately more at ease with myself."

Clarkson said he received Parthenons during his time in Saudi. "When I was over there, the ROTC sent me Parthenons. I was so upset with the expression, 'no blood for oil'. I don't think protesters even realized soldiers didn't want to go to war either."

"I wish they could be in a soldier's shoes for one day and feel the pride of what we do," Clarkson said.

He also said he was disgusted at the marine who said he would not go to war if his unit was called.

"No one forced him to sign up," Clarkson said, "but once he did, it becomes his obligation to go."

"I definitely do not regret it," he said. "I knew I had done the right thing when I flew over West Virginia and saw the mountains. It was the most wonderful thing I have ever seen, after being in the desert."

Other than just being home, Clarkson said the best thing about being back is the National Anthem.

"It's not just a song anymore. It has a whole different meaning, that I don't think I can even describe," he said.

"Seeing the flag really gets to me. It makes me proud to have been a part of something that means so much to others," Clarkson said.

Clarkson, a criminal justice major, is scheduled to graduate in May.

He also will receive his commission as an officer, and will serve in the same unit in Lewisburg.

After graduation he will start officer's training, and plans a career in law enforcement.